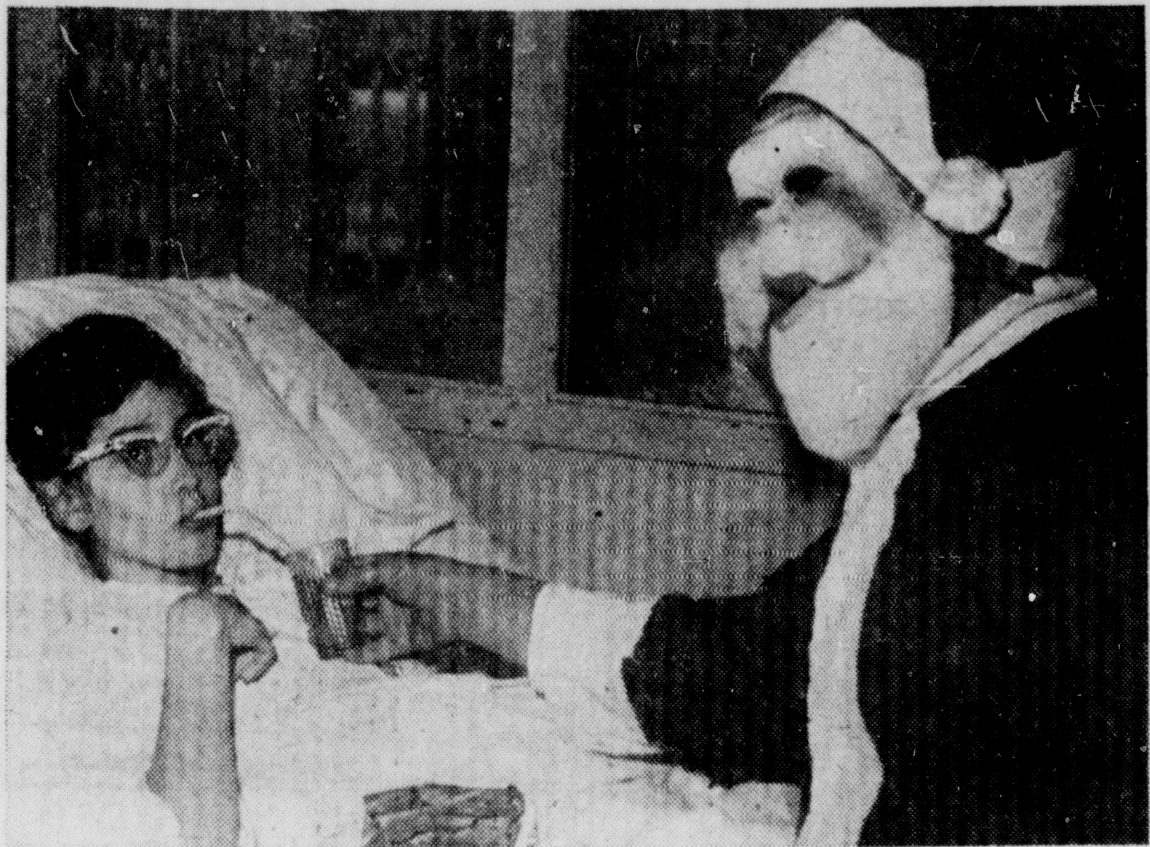


Santa Claus Came Early To Children In Hospital Beds

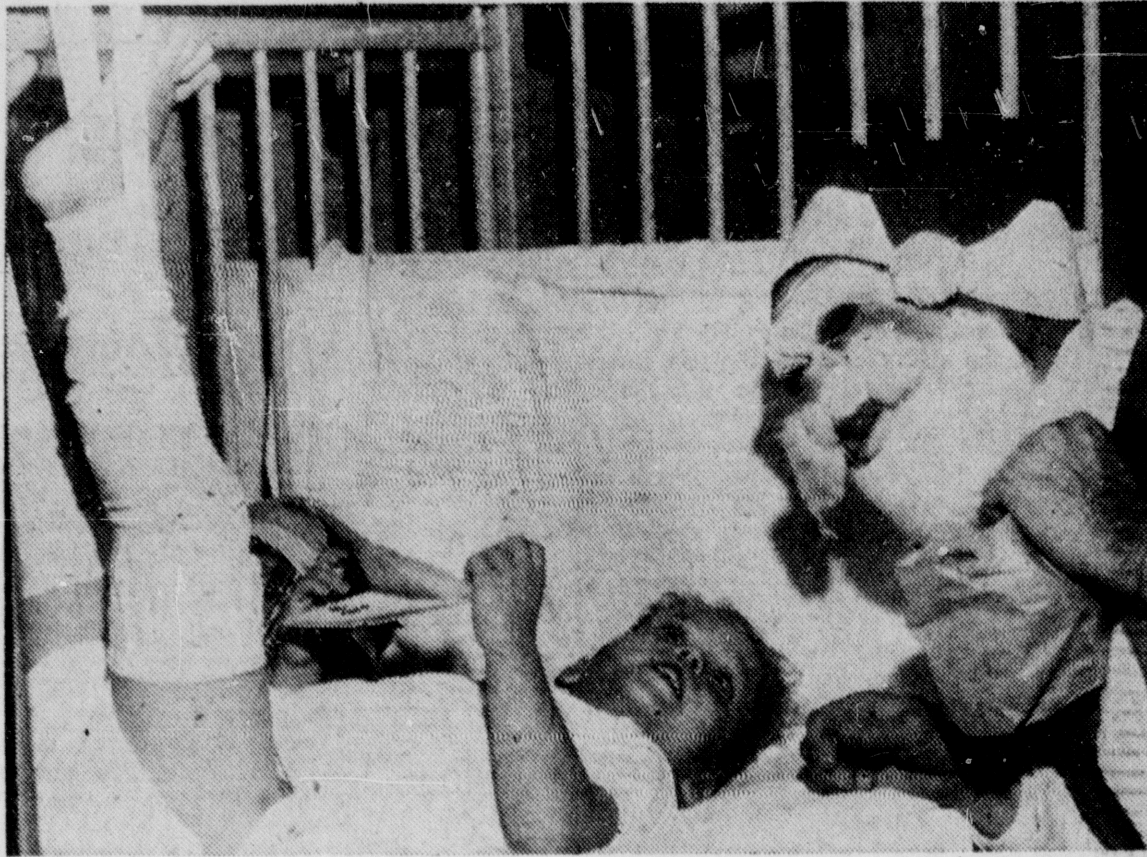


Rhea Houbknecht, 11, of 6 Crystal Place, Levittown, gets her Christmas wish: a soda from Santa Claus in her

bed at the Lower Bucks County Hospital. Rhea is recuperating from an appendectomy.



Santa, whose visit was sponsored by the Bristol Emergency Squad, autographs the cast on the right arm of Chester DeMarchis, 8, of 309 Lafayette St., Bristol.



Joseph Feret, 3, of 1645 Rywall Lane, Cornwells Heights, is in traction for treatment of a fractured upper right

leg so Santa leans over to let the boy whisper his Christmas wishes. (Courier-Times Photos)

Today's Weather

Cloudy and mild today and tonight. High today in the 40's. Low tonight, near 40. Mild with occasional rain tomorrow.

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Court Battle Looms In Constable Fight

An all-out court battle is in the offing as the result of the Dec. 4 fight between a Levittown insurance salesman and the Bristol constable who tried to seize the salesman's furniture to settle an unpaid \$10 debt.

This became evident last night when Charles Lang, one of two used-furniture dealers who assisted Constable Robert T. Coles in the attempted seizure, was released under \$500 bail for court action on an assault and battery charge.

Three-Hour Hearing

Falls Township Justice of the Peace John Melvin placed the bail on Lang at \$500 after a three-hour hearing in his office.

The hearing was marked by a legal battle between Lawrence Monroe, Lang's attorney, and William J. Carlin, who represented Robert F. Bruckmann, the insurance salesman.

Bruckmann charges that Lang assisted Constable Coles when the latter allegedly slugged Bruckmann with a blackjack while Bruckmann and Coles struggled outside Bruckmann's home, 43 Kindie Lane, Levittown, Dec. 4. Earlier, Constable Coles waived a hearing before Melvin in favor of trial before the grand jury on the original assault and battery charges lodged by Bruckmann.

Last week, Bruckmann was held under \$1,000 bail for further hearing on charges of obstructing an officer who was attempting to seize his furniture.

Lang testified last night that he

is a used-furniture salesman and was accompanying Coles at the time of the Dec. 4 fight with Bruckmann.

But Lang said that he never touched Bruckmann and Coles repeated this assertion.

Picked Up Coles

Lang testified that all he did was pick up Coles three times during the fight.

Bruckmann countercharged that Lang pushed him, pulled at his shirt and tore it at the arm.

Walter S. Schwartz, a second used furniture salesman, said at the hearing, that he frequently goes to constable sales with Lang but that he and Lang were not partners.

JP Melvin said this morning that there was no evidence presented to indicate that either Lang or Schwartz was deputized by Constable Coles.

Bookkeeper Held For Embezzlement

A 35-year-old bookkeeper for Karl's Juvenile Furniture Co., Levittown Shopping Center, is being held in \$5,000 bail today for further hearing on charges of embezzling more than \$3,000 from his employer.

The man, Herman Konchin, Bayard near Rounfort Road, West Oak Lane, Philadelphia, police said, is paying off an earlier \$17,000 embezzlement in installments to a former employer.

Philadelphia Hearing Set Philadelphia detectives said Konchin was taken into custody at a Karl's store at 2300 North American St., Philadelphia. Further hearing will be held Dec. 31, before Philadelphia Magistrate George Levin at the East Girard and Montgomery Ave. police station.

Detectives said a woman's purse with almost \$2,500 in cash

and \$1,000 in checks made out to Karl's were found in Konchin's car. He is married and the father of two children.

Konchin was arrested in 1957 on charges of embezzling \$18,000 from his employer, Broad Motors, 600 North Broad St., Philadelphia, police said. A \$7,500 cash settlement was made at that time, police said, and Konchin was paying that off in \$10 weekly installments.

May Reach \$12,000

Simon Richman, owner of the Philadelphia store, said the total amount embezzled may be as high as \$12,000, but that Konchin would only admit to \$3,000.

The owner said he became suspicious of Konchin when he learned that the bookkeeper "was planning to leave town."

He notified Philadelphia's Northeast Detective Bureau and police confronted Konchin at the Philadelphia store. Konchin had been employed as comptroller for the two stores only about seven weeks, spokesmen at Karl's said.

Chief Warns Drinkers

Tomorrow is the second most critical day in the holiday safe driving campaign.

What makes Christmas Eve almost as dangerous for driving as New Year's Eve are parties, reports Bristol Township Police Chief, John R. Stewart.

"If people would only make that one for the road a cup of strong, black coffee, everybody would be better off," Chief Stewart points out.

"I have nothing against people who want to enjoy the holidays, but no Bristol Township policeman will show any mercy to the driver who has had one or more too many."

Good Evening!

SO BATTING FOR GGG

And now it's coming down to hours.

Excitement rising and like the man said yesterday it infects the oldest as much as the youngsters.

You're in trouble though when you spell out B-I-K-E and the first grader comes up with the \$35 answer. Then parents have to find a new way to communicate without the youngsters knowing.

The sales people will probably be among the happiest to welcome Christmas. For them it is always a long, hard pull. Yet it must be a satisfying experience watching people buying presents for loved ones.

The mailman will probably be glad to see the season end since the blizzard of white cards seems to have assumed record proportions.

He gets our vote, next to Santa Claus, as the man who works the hardest and delivers the most cheer for the holidays.

The President gives the nation a Christmas present by cutting the budget to \$77 billion.

When you get up into those figures what's a few billion more or less. Talk about \$10's and \$100's and the money becomes important.

Some office forces are like one big family—others are congenial.

Mary had a little lamb and the lad who took her out to the restaurant paid plenty for it.

When an auto is well oiled it makes the least noise. Not true with a driver.

So be careful.

Nancy, Hazel And Patricia



Three girls employed at Fairless Works — Nancy Fernicola, Hazel Lamon, and Patricia Beebe — stand shivering beneath plant's three towering blast furnaces also named Nancy, Hazel, and Patricia. Actually, the three furnaces were named for grand-

daughters and wife of Mr. B. F. Fairless, former U. S. Steel chairman. But these three girls braved the wintry blasts to pose with their namesakes in celebration of the sixth year of production at Fairless Works.

Christmas Fund Reaches \$428

Contributions to the Levittown Kiwanis "Give A Christmas Fund" today were \$81.50 making the latest total \$428.25.

Needy area families will benefit from the fund, which is being conducted in cooperation with the Courier-Times. Contributions can be sent to the

Courier-Times "Give A Christmas Fund" or to Walter Rittler, club treasurer at 28 Woodside Ave., Edgely.

Today's contributors include:

Paterson Parchment Office Employees	\$7.00
Upper Orchard Women's Club	\$8.50
Kiwanis Club coin collection	\$65.00
Sandy Oppenheimer	\$1.00
Previous Total	\$346.75
Total Today	\$81.50
Total to Date	\$428.25

Wet, Not White Yule; Rain Due Tomorrow

A mild air mass moved into Lower Bucks today and pushed the mercury upwards toward 40 degrees. The mild weather is expected to continue through tomorrow with occasional rain expected tomorrow afternoon.

The long range outlook for Thursday, Christmas Day, is for wet and mild weather. Yesterday's high mark was 29 degrees with a low this morning of 28 degrees.

Nov. Living Costs Equal All-Time High

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Living costs rose in November to equal an all-time peak set in July, the government reported today.

Increased costs of new cars sent the consumer price index up two-tenths of one per cent to 123.9 per cent of average 1947-49 prices. After hitting the peak in July, the index declined in August and then held steady for two months before going up again in November.

Ewan Clague, commissioner of labor statistics, said the index was in "a reasonable balance," however, and predicted no major increases in living costs through next spring.

Experts Price Drop Food and gasoline prices dropped last month but costs of most other goods and services were higher.

The price of new 1959 cars rose 6.4 per cent from October to November, Clague said new models were delayed this year by strikes in the auto industry and the result

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150 Watching Blaze Hurt; 15 Critical

BROWNSVILLE, Tex. (UPI) — A burning butane gas transport truck exploded with a blinding flash last night killing four persons and injuring more than 150 spectators watching firemen fight the blaze.

At least 15 of the injured were believed in critical condition.

Police Capt. Zane Williams said flames shot 150-200 feet in the air and the explosion rocked his car as he raced to the scene just inside the city limits of this west Texas town.

Terry County Hospital said it admitted 63 injured into its 40-bed building, and treated and released 90 more.

Other victims were rushed to Lubbock, 40 miles to the northeast. Methodist Hospital at Lubbock estimated it had at least 15 injured, seven of whom were admitted.

Fire Marshal Killed

Among the dead was Fire Marshal Jim Cousineau. And Terry County Sheriff James Fulford, who was peering into the truck when it exploded, amazingly escaped with non-serious burns.

The tremendous explosion, the second in a series of two, blew out windows all over town and destroyed the front part of a filling station, the only structure near the blast.

The fire started after the butane truck collided with a pickup truck on a four-lane highway on the southwest edge of Brownfield.

Blast Rocks Car

The first explosion was not believed to have injured anyone, but the second, coming about 15 minutes later, erupted in the faces of firemen and spectators.

Capt. Williams said he had been called from home and was racing to the scene when the blast rocked his car at a distance of half a mile.

"When I got there people were

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Pope's Yule Speech Asks Unity, Peace

VATICAN CITY (UPI) — Pope John XXIII, in his first Christmas message to the world, appealed today for "unity and peace."

"The commemoration of the birth of Jesus does not cease to renew each year the announcement of the same doctrine and the same tone—unity and peace," he said in his 3,000-word message.

The Pope spoke in Italian over Vatican Radio, which later rebroadcast the speech in 30 languages. It was beamed to nations around the world, including those behind the Iron and Bamboo curtains.

He decried the persecution of Christians in Communist countries, specifically mentioning Communist China. He also appealed for the return to the church of Rome of dissident Eastern churches whose members include more than 50 million persons.

"The birth of Our Lord means the announcement of unity and peace on all the earth, a renewed pledge of good will placed at the service of order, of justice, of fraternity among all Christian

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Way Down Yonder!

A former Lower Bucks County football star will take part in the festivities at the Sugar Bowl in New Orleans on New Year's Day — but not as a spectator. See Sports Editor Ben Borowsky's Sports Views on Page 16.



Getting Closer!

Santa Claus will start that long journey tomorrow night. If you've written a letter to him you'll find your name in Santa's Mailbox on Page 13. The final list of names will appear tomorrow.

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Opera Star States Maggie Truman Didn't 'Have It'

NEW YORK (UPI)—Opera star Helen Traubel said today Margaret Truman plunged ill-equipped into a concert career after disregarding Miss Traubel's advice to continue training in private for at least five years.

In a revealing account of her three-year relationship with the Truman family, the famed Wagnerian soprano said in her soon-

to-be published autobiography that she finally quit in despair as Margaret's teacher because the former president's daughter persisted in seeking a professional career. A copyrighted, condensed version of the book was published today in the January issue of the Ladies Home Journal.

Miss Truman's father, who once wrote a stinging letter to a pro-

fessional critic of his daughter's singing, took Miss Traubel's criticism in stride.

"Prima donnas must have their fun," the former president said. "She wanted a headline, and she got it."

Truman is here to spend Christmas with his daughter, now Mrs. Clifton Daniel, her husband and son.

Miss Traubel said she began tutoring Miss Truman without charge in 1948, shortly before Truman's election, when Miss Truman's voice was "inexperienced and really rather bad."

At the time, Miss Traubel said in her book, "St. Louis Woman," Miss Truman agreed not to sing in public for at least five years.

Yet, within a year—shortly after

Truman's election—Margaret disregarded her advice and went off on a concert tour, Miss Traubel wrote.

Subsequently, Miss Traubel said, she had to seek Truman's intercession to stop Margaret from appearing in concerts in New York and Philadelphia for which she was committed.

Another time, Miss Traubel said

she dissuaded Margaret from singing on radio.

"At this point I guess I felt I was fighting not so much to develop Margaret as a singer as I was fighting to uphold the national honor," Miss Traubel wrote.

"I would describe Margaret's voice as a lyric soprano with a very sweet quality," Miss Traubel, herself, a Missouri native

wrote. "If she had studied five years—better 10—she would have had adequate singing ability... but using any standards there simply was not enough of everything—or of anything—to make her really a concert and light-opera singer. She did not have the right temperament, though she was a glutton for work. The meaning of the song always escaped her."

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For Christmas Dinners

18 Collecting Mushrooms Believed Buried Alive

BRUSSELS (UPI)—An underground grotto in a corner of Belgium collapsed today, apparently wiping out part of a group of villagers collecting mushrooms for Christmas dinners.

Eighteen were buried and feared dead. The broken body of an eight-year-old girl was the first to be recovered from the humid, dark passageways of the grotto.

About 150 persons from the quaintly named village of Zieken-

Zussen-Bolder, in the northeast corner of the country on the Dutch border, were gathering mushrooms when the disaster struck.

Most crawled and scrambled their way to safety through passages and air shafts. Twelve were hospitalized with serious injuries. Dozens of others were treated at the site for cuts and bruises.

Rescue teams from Holland and Belgium converged on the spot.

But a police spokesman said "it would be a miracle if anyone is alive" under the tons of rubble which fell on the muddy floor in which mushrooms were collected.

In the pall of dust hanging around the hillside, relatives of the trapped villagers prayed for that pre-Christmas miracle.

The grotto consisted of about 120 to 160 acres of caves and galleries in an abandoned quarry. The caves began to collapse over about 20 acres, probably from some earth movement caused by recent heavy rains. The walls of the quarry caved in sending a terrific whoosh of air through the entire workings.

One of the men who escaped, Louis Palmans, 54, said he scrambled through one of the upward sloping air tunnels and fell to his knees in prayer when he reached the top.

"I was working with 20 mates in one of the galleries when somebody shouted 'Run for it... the floor is going,'" he said. "Seconds later the roof started cracking too and we all sprinted off."

"Looking around I saw the floor cave in in one entire piece and the walls soon followed. Four of the men with me did not make it."

Pasternak Evasive On Daily Life

MOSCOW (UPI)—Boris Pasternak says he is sure "all will be well" with him despite the blaze of anger which lit up high places in Russia when his novel, "Dr. Zhivago," won the Nobel Prize.

The white-haired, craggy-faced Russian poet and novelist talked animatedly about his book and the flood of mail it brought him from abroad when this reporter visited him at his home at Pere-delkino Village, 15 miles outside Moscow.

Wary Of Controversy

He said "hundreds of letters" had come thus far from Europe, the United States and other countries, and about half of them would need answering. After that, he said, he intends to start another "major work"—although he is not sure whether it will be another novel.

Anyway, he said, it will not be a continuation of "Dr. Zhivago," which is banned in the U.S.S.R. as anti-Soviet. Pasternak also made it clear that anything he writes henceforth will never see the light of day unless it is publishable in the Soviet Union.

Pasternak laughed often in his silences, when asked about details of his daily life, was there any hint of what he has gone through.

He was asked how he plans to spend Christmas Day. By those who still mark Christmas in the U.S.S.R., it is celebrated Jan. 7 in accordance with the old Julian Calendar.

"The same as always," Pasternak replied evasively.

Will he go to church? There is a beautiful one nearby, built in the days of Ivan the Terrible.

"Sometimes I go to that church," he said.

Pasternak apparently felt that in view of bitter attacks on him and his expulsion from the writer's union he must be circumspect in talking.

What are their plans for meeting the new year? he laughed.

"We won't be meeting the new year, exactly," he said. "We'll be sort of getting acquainted with it, seeing what it brings."

He gazed out of a window across a snow-covered field.

"All will be well eventually, I'm sure," he said.

Soon, he said, he intends to resume the two and three-hour walks he is fond of taking through the woods around his home which is set in the writer's colony. He indicated he has been keeping pretty much to home lately, just taking short walks to the village and waiting for the storm caused by his Nobel Prize to blow over.



Pius Kaltreider (right) leads the Bristol High School Senior Choir in a group of Christmas Carols with which the choir entertained the patients at the Lower Bucks County Hospital, yesterday. The

Bristol High choir was one of several groups that have been caroling at the hospital this week. (Courier-Times Photo)

Three Levittowners Charged With Fraud

Three Levittowners and a Tullytown resident were charged with a total of nine counts of obtaining money under false pretenses yesterday as a preliminary hearing before Falls Township Justice of the Peace John Melvin.

The four were released in a total of \$13,000 bail for a hearing Jan. 8, before Somerset County Justice of the Peace O. Wayne Hay, where the alleged offenses

occurred, Squire Melvin said.

Charged with obtaining money under false pretenses were:

David Weisen Jr., 1, Morning Glory Lane, Levittown, charged with five counts, released in \$50,000 bail.

Katherine Weisen, his wife, one count, released in \$2,000 bail.

David Weisen Sr., 15 Upland Road, Levittown, charged with one count, released in \$2,000 bail.

Clinton P. Allen, Tullytown, two counts, released in \$4,000 bail.

Squire Melvin said two troopers from the Somerset sub-station were armed with warrants for the four Lower Bucks Countians charged with obtaining money under false pretenses.

He said he had no details of the case, but said the hearing is set for early next month in Friesen, Pa., before Squire Hay.

Santa To Be In Junewood

Santa Claus will pay a visit on Christmas Eve - his busiest night of the year - to youngsters in the Junewood section of Levittown.

Joe Graves, chairman of the committee arranging the visit, said Santa will pay a special call in Junewood from 6 to 9 p.m.

The main reasons Santa has chosen to visit Junewood, according to Santa Claus sources, include the help the 70-man Junewood Men's Club has consented to give Santa Claus in distributing gifts and transportation with a wagon and a team of horses, thereby saving Rudolph and the other reindeer from "sky-pulling."

Also because the children in Junewood have been very obedient and saffey conscious. According to a member of the Junewood Men's Club, Santa advised Junewood children and all children to be careful and watch out for motorists so they can have a safe and sound New Year.

The Men's Club also promised that extra goodies not given out in Junewood will be distributed at Lower Bucks County Hospital.

Bob Holly, president of the Men's Club, said all men in the section whether members or not, can lend a hand in the program. Santa is scheduled to arrive at 5:30 p.m. at the Windsor Pharmacy, Haines Road near Route 13 and the entrance to Junewood.

Phils Get 2nd Baseman

PHILADELPHIA (UPI)—The Philadelphia Phillies announced today they had traded outfielder Rip Repulski and two minor league pitchers to the Los Angeles Dodgers in exchange for second baseman George (Sparky) Anderson.

The Phils' office here said further details would be announced in Los Angeles by Phils General Manager Roy Hamey and the Dodgers Buzz Bavasi.

Hamey was quoted as saying "I've been dickering for Anderson all winter."

The Phils also gave up south-paw pitcher Gene Snyder who was 14-7 with High Point-Thomasville of the Class B Carolina league last year and righthander Jim Golden who was 10-16 at Tulsa.

Anderson, in organized baseball six years, was runner-up for the most valuable player award at Montreal last year.

Repulski, who batted .244 last year, hit 13 home runs, four of them as a pinchhitter.

Santa Claus To Visit Kiwanis Clubs Party

Santa will visit the children's Christmas party tonight, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Bucks County Lincoln Highway and the Fairless Hills Kiwanians.

The party will begin at 6 p.m. at Greenwood Dairies, Route 1, Pennell, St. Nick will have a gift of each child. The program also ranged for by Frank H. Sodano, three Christmas movies, and refreshments.

Chorus Will Tour Lower Bucks Tonight

The Delhaas-Roosevelt schools will tour the community this evening, from 7 to 9 o'clock. The chorus will make stops at the Mill Street Christmas tree in Bristol, Pomeroy's department store at the Levittown Shopping Center and the Croydon Shopping Center.

We attempt to prevent misleading advertising from appearing in this newspaper. Please notify our advertising department immediately if you have experienced any violation of this policy.

Blast Kills

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running everywhere and hollering for help. There were little spots of fire around but the explosion blew out most of it. There were cars wheeling around all over the place, jumping the center curb and darting around trying to get people to the hospital.

"I drove down the highway and stopped four people running down the road. I took them to the hospital and made three or four more trips before I got sick from the smell and had to quit," Williams said.

The explosion knocked out the town's power and there was no electricity for more than an hour.

Law officers and civic officials were searching frantically for cots and beds as the injured lay in the halls and leaned against walls in the Terry County Hospital at Brownsfield. All its 40 beds and its extra cots were in use long before the flow of injured ceased.

The dead in addition to Cousineau, included Ruben Johnson about 50, of Lubbeck, Wayland Parker, about 45, and J. B. Ray.

Parker, a farmer, was a volunteer fireman. Johnson and Ray were spectators.

Fireman Philip Thompson said "the explosion knocked me out and when I came to I was running. I wasn't hurt. It was a miracle."

"Pieces of steel from the tank truck ripped through the crowd and flames from the truck set a number of people on fire. I put out the fire on several people. On some I had to rip off their clothes."

The latest census of greater snow geese shows there are about 46,300 of them in the world.

Pope

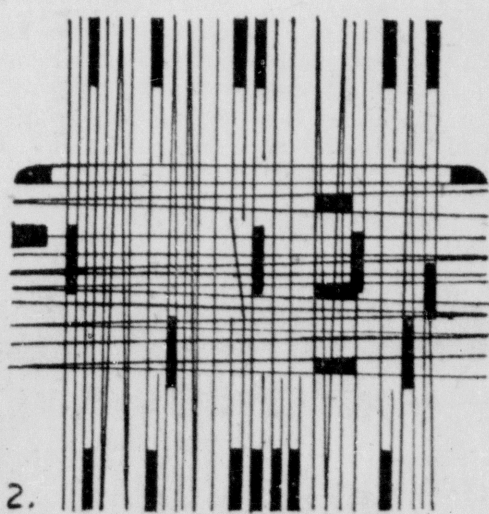
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peoples, all together moving in a common desire of comprehension, of great respect of the sacred liberties of collective life in the triple religious, civil and social order," the Pope said.

"Even if we wanted to be kind in judging, in excusing, in commiserating the gravity of the atheistic and materialistic situation to which some nations were and are subjected, and under which they are groaning, the slavery of the individuals and the masses, slavery of thought and of works is undeniable."

Four native American plants—corn, beans, squash, and tobacco—are considered sacred by many of the Indians in New Mexico.

There's A Message Here For You



Hold the newspaper flat in your hand and lift it to eye level. If you close one eye and look carefully, you will see an important question. Then turn the newspaper sideways to the right and repeat the procedure and you will see the answer.

\$5.00 Award Given Tip On House Fire

Joan Linaberry, 82 Coral Lane, Levittown, is winner of last week's Courier-Times News Tip Contest. She will be awarded the top \$5 prize for her call on a house fire on Route 1, Falls Township.

You can be a winner, too. Just call your news, feature or picture tip in to the Courier-Times News Tip Editors at WI 5-1000 or ST 8-3325. But remember, Timeliness is important. Others may be calling in the same item and only the earliest one is considered.

A new contest begins every Friday at 6 p.m., when the previous week's contest closes.

Try your hand at the news tip game. Your news sense may mean money in your pocket.

Man, 55, Dies After Fall

A 55-year-old man died after a fall yesterday while working on the construction of the George Washington School in Oaktree Hollow, Levittown.

Despite the efforts of the Levittown-Fairless Hills Rescue Squad and doctors who performed an emergency throat operation at Lower Bucks County Hospital, Jesse McClain, Philadelphia, was pronounced dead at the hospital shortly after he was brought in.

McClain began choking after the fall from the ladder. The rescue squad administered oxygen but could not get him breathing. Doctors performed the operation to free his breathing passages but the man died shortly after he was admitted.

He is survived by his wife, Edna and a daughter, Brenda, 8.

Firm Names PR Director

E. R. Leonhard, president of Paterson Parchment Paper Company, Bristol, recently announced that William S. Bray will now be responsible for public relations for the company. Bray will hold the title of Director of Industrial and Public Relations. Bray is currently completing a Master's Degree in Education.

The Paterson Parchment Paper Company originated in 1885 and has enjoyed a steady growth, Leonhard said.

While the manufacture of Paterson Vegetable Parchment occupies a great part of productive capacity, the company also manufactures other types of products such as art paper, custom made papers, and releasing parchments, the company president noted.



State Orders School Closed As Fire Trap

HARRISBURG (UPI)—The Laceyville elementary school in Wyoming County has been ordered closed permanently Monday by the state Labor and Industry Department on the grounds it is a fire trap.

The department's Division of

Building Inspection took the action yesterday after receiving an engineer's report that said the building was beyond repair and its so-called fire proof towers "were now fire traps in actuality."

The building was constructed in 1932 as a high school but has been converted to an elementary school for 190 students and nine teachers. It has eight classrooms and a combination gymnasium-auditorium.

Sagging floors, dry rot and termite infestation were listed on the report. A boiler in the basement badly needs replacement and electrical installations are substandard, the report stated.

McDonald Says Wages Chase Prices

PITTSBURGH (UPI)—United Steelworkers President David J. McDonald said today the cost-of-living increase in November illustrates a case of wages chasing prices.

"A rise in the cost of living in the face of continued unemployment and sharply reduced work weeks proves beyond doubt our contention that wages consistently have been chasing prices," he said.

"Once more we remind the American public that the inflationary trend can be halted only by realistic appraisal of the pricing system which most recently has gone higher despite a year of economic reversal," McDonald added.

The increase will result in a penny an hour wage boost for about 500,000 USW members in the basic steel and fabricating industries. The average hourly wage for steelworkers had been \$2.95.

Today's increase in the smallest cost-of-living wage hike the USW has received since the 1956 contract went into effect. So far, the boosts have amounted to 17 cents an hour.

Living Costs

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ing impact on the index was greater in November.

Price tags on new cars were 4.2 per cent higher this year than a year ago.

Clague said car prices should go down in the months ahead because of dealer discounts.

Means Pay Raises

Nearly one million steel, aluminum and meat packing workers will receive a penny an hour more under cost-of-living adjustments in labor contracts. This increase would account for the index's rise since May.

Youth Loses \$17

Worth Of Yule Gifts

Robert Fate, 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Fate, Falls Township constable, worked for three weeks in Bargain City, Route 1 to earn \$17 for Christmas gifts and lost them all in three minutes last night.

The boy said he had the packages in the store last night when he went out to help a friend start his car. When he returned, he said, the packages were gone.

Falls Township Police are investigating.

Bristol Girl

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culous workmanship, and neat presentation won him the national award.

As first place winner Camillo receives a \$100 U. S. Savings Bond, a complete 15-volume set of the Encyclopedia Britannica, Jr., and a table radio.

Placing second in the national contest was Bruce Voyce, 9, of Redwood City, Calif. who will receive a \$100 U. S. Savings Bond and a complete 15-volume set of the Encyclopedia Britannica, Jr.

M. Keith Hollenbeck, 9, of Santa Ana, Calif. placed third with his coloring achievement. He wins a \$50 U. S. Savings Bond and a set of encyclopedias.

In addition the top winners, 10 girls won beautiful dolls and 10 other boys and girls won flash camera sets.

Every child whose entry reached the national finals received a congratulatory note from Scott, and an oil painting set.



Going In Circles

By MAURY ALLEN

tion, the new year is rung in more than once. The Christian world observes Jan. 1. But by trading in the Gregorian calendar for the Julian calendar, Jan. 14 is New Year's Day. Iranians celebrate March 21. You can then have a summer respite and party again in the fall with the Hebrew calendar. To top it off, Indian religious groups are so divided that you could have several parties just by observing holidays of different religions. And always, make the one for the road, coffee.

One of the nicest ways to celebrate the holiday season is with the Levittown Kiwanis on Jan. 11. That's the night of the Christmas Tree Burning at Oxford Valley and Newportville - Fallsington Road. Trees are collected and placed on the corner and the flaming trees light up the sky marking the end of the glorious season. It seems like a much nicer way to welcome the New Year than any others mentioned.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

LOST — Springer Spaniel, Luzerne County dog tag, "Gramps," white with brown spots. WI 6-5435.